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**OFFICIALS VISIT CHINA FACTORIES;
MATCH FACTORY GRANTED 10 BILLION YUAN**

LEADERS STUDY FACTORY METHODS -- Erik, 17 Nov 48

To study factory construction methods and production techniques, Abdalgadir, Shrif, and Mohammed Imin of the Sinkiang Provincial Reconstruction Department, recently visited various factories in China proper. After returning to Ti-hua, they left for Ho-t'ien to investigate the feasibility of industrial development there.

GETS PROVINCIAL APPROPRIATION -- Erik, 24 Nov 48

The match factory of the Sinkiang Reconstruction Department recently received 10 billion of the 17 billion yuan appropriation requested from the Provincial Government for further expansion. The rest of the grant is expected to be issued later.

At present, the match factory is capable of producing 4,000 boxes of matches daily. Production is expected to reach 10,000 boxes daily after additional equipment is available.

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